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Dear Milton Public Schools Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you healthy, rested and getting ready for the start of the 2020-2021 School Year.

As you know, on Friday, August 21st Superintendent Mary Gormley submitted her resignation for the purpose of retirement due to a family emergency that required her full time attention.

I have had the pleasure of working with Superintendent Gormley for almost 22 years in my roles at Pierce Middle School as a Guidance Counselor, Assistant Principal and then more closely in my roles as Principal of Pierce Middle School for 5 years and Principal of Milton High School since 2012. I consider her a friend and mentor, and I share a deep appreciation with the entire school community for her dedication and commitment to the students, staff, and families of Milton. Personally, I will miss Superintendent Gormley, and I wish her and her family peace and good health in the days ahead.

Last week, the Milton School Committee offered me the position of Interim Superintendent for the 2020-2021 School Year and I gratefully accepted. I am honored to have been offered this opportunity, and I am looking forward to working with all stakeholders on the many challenges we face. Those of you who know me know the passion I have for my job and the high expectations I have for myself, students and staff. I will work this year to realize those high expectations for all.

I want to thank the current leadership team at Milton High School along with the Milton High School faculty and staff for their support through my tenure as Milton High School Principal. We are working to confirm the interim leadership team at Milton High School and will update you as soon as possible on that effort. With that said I can assure you that the entire Milton High School leadership team is up to the task and willing to support the new High School Principal.

I am writing to you after what has been an unprecedented seven months for our country, our town, and our school district. We continue to battle a devastating pandemic; we are faced with a lackluster economy; we are working to resolve civil and racial unrest that continues to plague our nation, and we are still processing the

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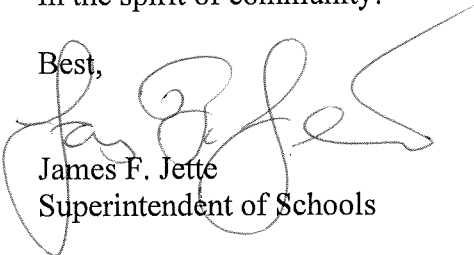
unexpected retirement of Superintendent Gormley. All of this is happening as we are beginning a very unconventional school year.

The logistics, uncertainties, and emotions of what is happening around us are a lot to manage. I want to assure you that we are ready to welcome your children back to school, whether they have chosen a hybrid or full remote schedule. I am fortunate to work with a strong Central Office leadership team including Dr. Karen Spaulding and Dr. Glenn Pavlicek and our dedicated principals, all of whom have been working tirelessly throughout the summer to ensure a successful start to the school year.

This will be a year like no other, but with our talented administrators, teachers and staff and with the partnership of our MPS families and students, I know we can make this year one of growth and positivity for all.

In the spirit of community!

Best,



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